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SUBJECT: VP KAGAME SPEAKS TO THE PRESS
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--THERE IS NO GOOD REASON FOR A FORCE OF 5600 TROOPS INSIDE RWANDA. THEY ARE HERE BECAUSE RWANDA IS SECURE, WHEN THEY SHOULD BE IN THE CAMPS. THE GOR SHOULD DEAL WITH SECURITY WITHIN RWANDA. THE UN SHOULD REMAIN "WITH A SMALL FORCE, IF ANY FORCE AT ALL."

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